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At last, pajamas have been defined; they are contraband.

Count Turned-owski is likely to be the Austrian ambassador's name.

They need a Henry Ford to get them out of that Main street trench.

Sweden, too, has a sheet of notes ready to be fired at Germany singly or broadside.

We may be keeping out of war but we're hanging right close to the outskirts.

"What is so rare as a head of coal?"—Swanton Courier.  
A blinful.

The police court records show that Burlington has begun her spring house-cleaning early.

It is the most paradoxical situation that the great granary of the United States, the Middle West, should be the first to clamor for food.

The firebug's attack on New Britain, Conn., during which nine fires were discovered in one evening, might have been done by a Teuton who disliked the name of the place.

All public officials having been vindicated of the charge of leaking on the president's peace note, a doubt naturally arises whether there was a leak at all and, again, whether the president really issued a peace note.

The English poet, Alfred Noyes, must have been employing poetic license when he declared in New York this week that the British had sunk or captured 200 German submarines. Much as we should like to hear it, we shall have to ask Alfred to tell it to the marines.

Candidate Frank W. Mitchell for the Montpelier mayoralty has the somewhat unique experience of being the sole nominee for the office. The unanimity of sentiment displayed at the citizens' caucus betokens confidence in the qualifications of the man to carry out the duties of the office.

If the state of Vermont is looking for someone versed in John W. Titcomb's ways of conducting the office of fish and game commissioner without paying the salary which Mr. Titcomb feels he ought to have, then Edward Connell, who has been an assistant in Mr. Titcomb's office for some years, might fill the bill.

The newspaper accounts of the Caledonia County Fish and Game league banquet, held at St. Johnsbury recently, told about the serving of venison, a deer having been "secured" for the purpose by Editor Bigelow of the St. Johnsbury Caledonian. Just what we expected to imagine about that word secured.

Tea stores in Boston are likely to find trouble in getting managers, after the managers of two stores of that sort were shot and killed on successive evenings. Just why the managers of tea stores should become the targets for thugs is not certain; they are not the only people making money in the store business.

The bill to prohibit the sale of liquor in any community within five miles of an educational institution receiving aid from the state of Vermont would have been an unjust discrimination and a perversion of the local option principle as well. So the Hunt bill, so called, was laid away at Montpelier without much opposition, the author of the bill himself being content to let the measure go into the legislative graveyard.

Prospective voters in Barre are urged to bear in mind that to-night and next Wednesday night will be the last opportunities to permit them to get their names on the checklist for the annual municipal election. Other voters who have changed their residence from one ward to another should also attend to the matter of re-registration on one or the other of these meetings of the board of civil authority.

Now that the Vermont legislature has set its purpose to investigate the Brattleboro retreat and the Brandon school for feeble-minded, let there be no white-wash but let there be a plain statement of all the facts that can be obtained. That is what the people of the state demand—some definite conclusion that will either back up or destroy whatever charges may have been brought against the institutions or their employees.

A man named Grover Cleveland Alexander has just accepted a position at a salary of \$12,500 a year, being detained only about six months of the time. Needless to say, Grover Cleveland Alexander is an employee on the baseball diamond and every once in three or four days he puts on a knickerbocker suit, goes into the middle of a 10-acre lot and throws a leather-covered pellet for about two hours in the afternoon. Then he takes a bath, goes to the movies and spends the next three or four days in peace and

quietude as he watches his mates cavort around. He is a baseball pitcher, Grover Cleveland Alexander is. Extravagance is the other name for baseball.

It may be taken as an indication that Vermont people are beginning to appreciate their winter opportunities when as many as 40 from one community start out on a snowshoe hike to the top of Mount Mansfield. The winter has been, and still is, most splendid for the sport of snowshoeing, the ground being covered to a depth that makes walking over the tops of young trees possible in the mountainous sections. The more people that can be interested in this exhilarating pastime the better for the public health.

The withdrawal of several of the large steamships of the American line from service between the United States and European ports at the present time was at first taken to be an admission of fear of the submarine blockade made by the German admiralty; but later events, or at least later thought, has strengthened the belief that the great vessels were withdrawn because of a design on the part of the United States government to take them over and transfer them to auxiliary cruiser service in the event of a declaration of war. That would be following out a plan adopted by all the naval powers now engaged in war.

THE RIGHT TO ISSUE BONDS.

A large number of Vermont municipal corporations are appealing to the Vermont legislature for enabling acts to permit them to bond for this, that and the other purpose. Doubtless a considerable portion of the requests is due to a disinclination to raise the tax rate and meet the expenditure at the present time—a shifting of the responsibility to a future generation, which will not be at all fair unless the municipal corporations set aside a sum each year to go toward cancelling the bonds when they become due. To make a future generation of taxpayers settle wholly for benefits which the present generation enjoys is not by any means according to the rule of doing to others that which you would like to have done to you. Permits to bond should be accompanied with the stipulation that the bonding town or city must set aside each year a proportionate sum of the entire obligation, else the town or city should not be allowed to float a bond. In effect, this would mean the establishment of a sinking fund in every town or city which resorts to the practice of bonding to meet extraordinary expenditures. It is a reasonable form of procedure along business lines.

CURRENT COMMENT

A Progressive Northfield.

This long, hard winter is coming to a close pretty soon. A cheerful thought in this, anyway. Now when the sun shines on both sides of the road let us take hold and lift for the town. By united effort, and this alone, much may be accomplished toward putting Northfield among the progressive towns of the state. No matter whether it is the hotel project, or anything else this get-together spirit seems to be in the air. Cement it, keep it warm, and all up for anything that will help the town. In any community there is bound to be difference of opinion as to how this or that problem should be approached. Talking things over, frequent get-togethers, and in any way that seems desirable, should be the order of the day in this town. One hard-headed man at the meeting the other night at the Brown library said, "It should not be. They are talking of a hotel project." He said, and rightly, too, "It should be WE are going to do this." This is the proper spirit.—Northfield News.

The Colombian Treaty.

In refusing to withdraw their opposition to the treaty of Colombia, the Republican senators block one of the best measures of preparedness that has been before Congress in the past three years. The Panama canal cannot be regarded as secure from attack from the side of Colombia, in case the United States gets into war with a great power, so long as the demand of the Colombian government for compensation for the loss of the isthmus remains unsatisfied. The treaty has been amended so that the payment stipulated is now \$15,000,000, instead of \$25,000,000, and the expression of regret over the disturbance to friendly relations between the two countries is made mutual. But the opposition continues to be implacable.

This attitude on the part of the party of the minority because Colombia has always charged, not without reason, that our government viewed the treaty of 1846 as nothing but a "scrap of paper" when it helped so powerfully to establish the republic of Panama at the cost of dismembering Colombia. There has been in this country the bitterest criticism of Germany for her cynical and brutal disregard of the treaty neutralizing Belgium, but the principle of the sanctity of treaties is fully as binding in the new world as in the old world. In view of the refusal of our government to submit the question of treaty violation to arbitration, as Colombia has repeatedly proposed, the least that can be done is to settle a settlement consistent with America's ideal of fair treatment for small nations is to ratify the treaty pending in the Senate.

The time must come when the Senate will see that Colombia receives generous and honorable treatment; it is necessary to believe this if one has faith in the honor of the nations.—Springfield Republican.

Charity at Home.

It is said that charity begins at home but it should not remain there. Yet, there is another side to that question, as to all others. Long distance philanthropy must not blind our eyes to the needs of our own objects of charity. For instance, is the Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children complaining that people are cutting off their usual gifts in order that they may send their money to the sufferers of the war abroad. Such complaints arise from all sides. There is a

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constant appeal from all sorts of organizations for funds to carry on relief work among the ruined nations across the sea, and the response has been liberal and continuous. Still there is an end to the streams of benevolence on the part of many givers. They have only so much to bestow, and if the money is diverted to other channels in response to the persistent calls there is nothing left for home consumption.

The sufferers abroad should be assisted, but there are needs in our own country that must not be neglected. Children here are orphaned and abused and neglected and are homeless as certainly as in Belgium. Probably as pitiful tales of suffering could be related by charity workers right here in Vermont as any that have been featured abroad to stir the sympathies of the benevolent. There are cruel and poverty-stricken parents here who starve and abuse or desert their offspring, and their condition must be alleviated by charitable institutions. To dry up the stream of beneficence at its fountain head, or to divert it into a foreign channel is to do a great injustice to future citizenship. That is a strange idea of charity which consists in neglect of one's own in its efforts to help those who are on the other side of the world. If there is only so much money to be dispensed, by all means let it be divided between two objects which are equally worthy.—Rutland Herald.

JINGLES AND JESTS

His Disease.  
Miss Mobile—Well, Martha, how is your husband now?  
Martha—Po'ly, miss, po'ly. He's got that exclamatory rheumatism.  
Miss Mobile—You mean inflammatory rheumatism, Martha. "Exclamatory" is to cry out.  
Martha (with solemn conviction)—That's it, mum; that's it! He don't do nothing but holler!—Exchange.

Traffic Cop Needed.  
First Centipede—"What's the matter?"  
Second Centipede—"I need a traffic cop; my feet want to go different ways."  
—Irish World.

"Dr. Fadd said that she couldn't consider marriage because it would interfere with her career."  
"What is her career?"  
"She both writes and publishes books on the care and feeding of infants."—Buffalo Express.

Needed One Money Earner.  
"What are you going to make of your son, Charley?" I asked.  
"Well," replied Charley's father, "I made a doctor of Bob, a lawyer of Ralph, and a minister of Bert; and Joe is a literary man. I think I'll make a laboring man of Charley. I want one of them to have a little money."—Irish World.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

It Was James Cruickshank.  
Editor, Barre Times: In your issue of yesterday, credit is given to Alexander Ironside as representing the granite cutters at the hearing on the bill to establish county institutions for the care of tuberculosis patients. This is an error and I wish to give credit where credit is due. James Cruickshank was the granite cutters' representative and did so in a very efficient manner.  
Truly yours,  
Alexander Ironside.

Barre Salvation Army's Appeal.  
Editor, Times: The Salvation Army will again have the kettle out on the street Saturday in behalf of the winter relief work among the needy poor. This matter has received very little attention in the last couple weeks by the public in general and the consequences are that we have had to borrow from the funds of the local work to keep it going.

There has apparently been some question about the need of this work here. I can say that I have found an urgent need for it and I can't get funds to carry it as far as I would like to, as I would like to carry it into homes more than I do, as well as to give it out at the hall in the form of free lunches; but lack of funds and high prices have bound me down in this line of work, but I have a plan whereby this can be remedied with very little expense to the public in general; if all will take a hold and do their little it will work out and be one of the best institutions that could be asked for to help the city take care of the needy poor through a religious organization which neither asks creed or nationality of people that they help. All we ask is that people will try and help themselves, and by helping themselves help others. This plan will be laid before the public in Saturday's Times. Watch for it.  
J. J. Spargo.

Opulence.  
"But can he afford an auto?"  
"An auto! Pooh! He can afford eggs for breakfast!"—Browning's Magazine.

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Our own idea of zero in Lenten penance is to deny oneself such commonplaces as champagne, 90-cent steaks and artichokes.

On the other hand self-abnegation is to reach its sublimest heights when the rank and file begins to practice self-denial on granulated sugar, eggs, butter, potatoes and onions.

Revival of Learning in Hyde Park.

"Overseer Davis' poor report is receiving considerable attention just now. His scripture quotation regarding caring for the poor has caused several to take down the good book; dust it off and see what was said along that line."—Morrisville News and Citizen.

An East Burke item says that 40 persons who answered the rollcall at Sunday school contributed to an offering of \$192 and then regrets that several members were detained by the grip.

With good reason Scotsmen hereabouts are holding that motives in which both sentiment and irony were mixed must have inspired the Germans in their relentless pursuit of the collier Dalbeattie, which was destroyed by a shell off Eastport a few days ago. True, the Dalbeattie was a Norwegian boat, but her antecedents as well as her name savored strongly of Scotland and an extenuation of the first premise is at hand in the interesting testimony furnished by one who knows the real Dalbeattie and the fighting Scotch.

His rambling remarks are interesting locally, because many of the gallant fighting men whom he mentions are known in Barre. Indeed, among old-timers from Dalbeattie it is a matter of common knowledge that some of those who are leading in high places have kinsmen here in Barre. Moreover, our informant's discursive sidelights on the part that Dalbeattie, in the south of Scotland, has played in the present war are doubly interesting because he credits to that doughty nest of seafighters the honor of giving to the American navy its first admiral, the dauntless John Paul Jones. Jones was a native of Dalbeattie and even though Britons of this day are consciously aware that his seamanlike qualities were exhibited on the "off" side of the trouble in '76-'81, the first fighter in the infant American navy is honored in Dalbeattie and sailors in "the Bit" still claim him as their own.

All of what fellows and more has Dalbeattie contributed in the present war. "Doss" Hume, known to many former residents of the town in Barre, is in command of a noted border regiment, and Dave Richardson, a fellow townsman, is next in command. Sergt. Tom McGregor was the first man of the allied forces to tread the soil of Gallipoli. These and others perhaps too numerous to be mentioned are of the land forces.

Our informant rambles on. "Aboard ship the boys from 'the Bit' (Dalbeattie shore) have made their presence felt in no uncertain manner. It was Bob Dobie, who did much of the important gun pointing when the fleets met off the Falkland islands. Bob Dobie went down with his ship.

"Tom Kirkland, another gunner of renown, was in the battle off Heligoland and he, too, gave old Bill's tars something to remember before going to sleep in the deep. It is said that when Admiral Beattie was about to enter the conflict, he looked over the men of his flagship, and not seeing Kirkland at his post, inquired if Tom was fit for duty. And upon receiving a reply in the affirmative, he said to the boys, 'Let the battle proceed.'"

There are men in Barre to-day who were poring over their primers in the public schools of Dalbeattie when Admiral Beattie was getting his elementary education, and incidentally breathing the atmosphere which Dalbeattie Scotsmen assert is bound to stir up the fighting dander in a man.

Even to Vermont educational institutions which are not conducted for profit publicity comes high. "Twenty dollars was voted to assist in paying for the agricultural school write-up in The Vermonter." So runs the report of a recent meeting of the Randolph Board of Trade.

Found: A Prophet with Honor in Her Own Country.

"Miss Ellen Drew, who is home from her vocal studies in Boston, sang at the Methodist church last Sunday and sang simply beautiful. Miss Ellen has a rare, full, round voice and sweet as a bird's, and her many friends were pleased to hear her. She returns soon to take up her work again."—Exchange.

Now is the time to put up your birdhouses, but don't let the sparrows take possession.

Life's Little Mysteries in Barre.  
The Blue Hen club.  
Committee of 35.  
The scallier.  
City Square Gun club.  
Capt. Larkin.  
Darkest Depot square.  
Harry Patterson's barn.  
Granite cannon balls for the allies.  
The street department.

"I was awfully sorry to hear of your being wounded."  
"Oh, it was nothing. I hope to live through a lot worse."  
"Indeed, I hope you'll do nothing of the sort!"—Sydney Bulletin.

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